(a) whether the Bazar on wheels run by Super Bazar are selling in large number of articles in some localities of Delhi at certain timings on a fixed day; and

(b) if so, the details of the timings and the days fixed for such sale locality-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement indicating the details is at Annexure.

[*See* Appendix CLXVI, annexure No. 62].

Sale of Consumer articles through Super Bazar

3816. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken some initiatives to sell bread, butter and eggs to the consumers at all branches of Super Bazar in Delhi & outside;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government also propose to ensure the sale of these articles through mobile retail outlets run by Super Bazar; and

(d) if so. details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (d) No, Sir. The Super Bazar, however, sells these items in the normal course of business from some of its branches in Delhi. Since these items have a short shelf life and butter also requires refrigeration to maintain quality, Super Bazar has reported that they have no plan to sell these items through Mobile retail out-lets.

Indication of prices on packed goods

3817. SYED SIBTEY RAZI :
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV :
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is mandatory to have indication of prices on all packed goods including food articles;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that prices are not indicated on large number of packed goods and food articles particularly on Amul butter and baby milk packets;

(d) if so, the names of these goods and articles alongwith the reasons for not observing the existing instructions;

(e) whether Government propose to take some action against such manufacturers/producers for not displaying the prices on food packets; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (d) According to the Standards of Weights & Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 1977 among other things retail sale price inclusive of all taxes is to be marked on the package. Some of the categories of items are exempted. The package of uncanned butter is one of them. The items exempted from marking the retail sale price are :

(i) any uncanned package of : (a) vegetables, (b) fruits, (c) ice cream, (d) butter, (e) fish, (f) meat, or (g) any other like commodity;

(ii) any bottle containing liquid milk liquid beverages containing milk as an ingredient, soft drink, ready-to-serve fruit beverages, or the like, which is returnable by the consumer for being refilled;

(iii) any bottle containing alcholic beverages, or spirituous liquor;

(iv) any package containing animal feed, exceeding 15 kg or 15 Lts;

(v) any package containing a commodity for which controlled price has been fixed by or under any law for the time being in force.

The reasons for granting exemption are practical or technical problems in marking the price and very short usuable life of the product itself.

(e) and (f) Question does not arise.

गेहूं और चावल पर राज-सहायता

3818. **श्री राम अेठमलानी** :

क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार दिसम्बर, 1992 तक गेहूं और चावल पर क्रमशः 228.10 रुपये और 166.70 रुपये प्रति क्विंटल की दर से राज-सहायता देती रही;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने इतनी उच्च दर पर राज-सहायता देने के मानदंड के लिए उत्तरदायी कारणों का पता लगाया है, और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) और (ख) वर्ष 1992-93 के बजट अनुमानों के अनुसार खाद्यान्नों (चावल और गेहूं) पर उपभोक्ता राज सहायता और सुरक्षित भण्डार के रख-रखाव की लागत निम्नवत् है :—

उपभोक्ता राज सहायता	(रु. प्रति क्विंटल)
चावल	86.94
गेहूं	127.71
सुरक्षित भण्डार के रख-रखाव की लागत	94.22

(ग) और (घ) उच्च राज सहायता के लिए जिम्मेदार कारकों में खाद्यान्नों के न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्यों में वृद्धि, ब्याज की दरें, प्रबंध-प्रभार और ढुलाई-लागत शामिल हैं ।

Hoarding and black marketing of essential commodities

3819. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the number of raids conducted, persons arrested, prosecuted for indulging in hoarding and black marketing of essential commodities and value of goods seized in each State under the Essential Commodities (Special Provision) Act, 1981 during each of the last three years; and

(b) the extent to which Government have been able to check these mal-practices to bring down the prices of essential commodities, and make them smoothly available to the public ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) The information is contained in the statements annexed. (*see* below)

(b) Although the correlation cannot be quantified, the provisions in the Essential Commodities (Special Provisions) Act, 1981 making for greater deterrance against mal-practices and a procedure for quicker disposal of cases has a significant effect in this direction.